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Good roads matter and maintaining them properly is essential.

We will invest \$1 billion over four years to break the back of South Australia's growing road maintenance backlog - the biggest investment of its kind in the state's history.

Currently, our roads are not being maintained to quality standards, resulting in poor pavement quality, crumbling shoulders and inadequate drainage, posing serious safety risks, especially at high speeds on regional highways.

Under-investment in our roads has meant that the backlog of road maintenance continues to grow year-on-year, with the maintenance backlog across the State now blowing out to a whopping \$2.1 billion.

The RAA has repeatedly raised concerns about declining road conditions.

The State Liberals are committed to getting the basics right for all South Australians, which includes basic safety measures on our roads.

This policy proposes a 40% increase in funding, which will go a long way to address the major backlog.

Works will focus on pavement rehabilitation, shoulder reconstruction, drainage upgrades, resurfacing and structural repairs across the state-road network.

Delivering safer roads will deliver lower vehicle operating costs, stronger freight productivity, and greater reliability for regional communities, industries and visitors.

This is part of our plan for safer suburbs and stronger communities.